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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

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Examiner	Art Unit	
	Shaun R Hurley	3765

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Period for Reply

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Status

1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 31 July 2003.

2a) This action is **FINAL**. 2b) This action is non-final.

3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

4) Claim(s) 27 and 28 is/are pending in the application.
4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.

5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.

6) Claim(s) 27 and 28 is/are rejected.

7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.

8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.

10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.

Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).

Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).

11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) All b) Some * c) None of:
1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 12/22/03

4) Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____
5) Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6) Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Specification

1. The disclosure is objected to because of the following informalities:

The declaration of relation prior to the Background of the Invention is incorrect. The parent case, application 09/723643, now US Patent 6658835 is omitted. Applicant should amend the specification to including the recitation.

Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

2. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

3. Claims 27 and 28 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over the South African Patent (988628) in view of Dunbar et al (5119512).

The South African Patent teaches an untwisted wrapped singles yarn (Example 3 and page 5, lines 1-31) comprising a core sliver of polyamide having a cotton count of about 3 or a bulked continuous yarn, and a continuous filament wrapper yarn comprising about 25 - 75% wt binder fiber and the rest a base fiber, with the binder fiber having a melting point at least 20 degrees Celsius lower than the base fiber. In reference to a bulked continuous yarn having a denier of about 1000-3000, this is inherent of a carpet yarn, as Example 2 teaches. While the South African patent essentially teaches the invention as discussed above, he fails to teach that polyester, polyolefin, and polyamide are well known wrapper fibers, which Dunbar teaches

(Column 3, lines 4-6). It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art, at the time the invention was made, to utilize any of the three well known fibers as taught by Dunbar in the wrapper yarn of the South African patent, so as to provide a base fiber for the binder fiber to adhere to, while enabling normal processing. All three fibers, polyester, polyolefin, and polyamide are well known and widely used, and none would require special processing, thus eliminating additional costs. The ordinarily skilled artisan would understand this and would appreciate the benefits of using such.

In regards to a Saxony carpet comprising the yarn as taught above, the South African Patent teaches use in a carpet, and the ordinarily skilled artisan would understand what types of carpets could be produced, including a Saxony carpet.

4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Shaun R Hurley whose telephone number is (571) 272-4986. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon - Fri, 6:30 am - 3:00 pm, off second Friday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, John J Calvert can be reached on (571) 272-4983. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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